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SUBJECT: BERLIN: MODALITIES FOR RESPONDING TO SOVIET
STATEMENTS OF NOVEMBER 15, NOVEMBER 16,
AND MARCH 10

REFS: (A) BONN 5603; (B) STATE 66550 (EXDIS);
(C) BONN 5165 (EXDIS); (D) 76 MOSCOW 18075;
(E) 76 USBER 2471; (F) MOSCOW 3189;
(G) 76 STATE 309627; (H) 76 BONN 21268

BEGIN SUMMARY. THE BONN GROUP RECOMMENDS THAT
RESPONSES TO THE NOVEMBER 16 SOVIET PROTEST ON BERLIN
AND THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND THE MARCH 10 SOVIET
STATEMENT CONCERNING GDR ACTIONS AFFECTING EAST BERLIN
BE DELIVERED SIMULTANEOUSLY BY THE THREE ALLIED
AMBASSADORS IN MOSCOW. THE CHAIRMAN POLAD IN BERLIN
WOULD THEN FOLLOW UP WITH THE RESPONSE TO THE NOVEMBER
15 SOVIET PROTEST ON THE MEETING OF THE EC-GREECE
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MIXED PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE. ACTION REQUESTED:
APPROVAL OF RECOMMENDATIONS IN PARA 7 BELOW.
END SUMMARY.

1. THE BONN GROUP ON MARCH 29 DISCUSSED MODALITIES FOR
DELIVERING ALLIED RESPONSES TO THREE SOVIET
STATEMENTS:

-- THE PROTEST DELIVERED IN MOSCOW ON NOVEMBER 16, 1976 (REF D), TO THE US CHARGE AND THE BRITISH AND FRENCH AMBASSADORS, CONCERNING THE REPRESENTATION OF BERLIN IN A DIRECTLY-ELECTED EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT.

-- THE PROTEST DELIVERED TO THE CHAIRMAN POLAD IN BERLIN ON NOVEMBER 15, 1976 (REF E), CONCERNING THE MEETING IN BERLIN ON NOVEMBER 22-24 OF THE EC-GREECE MIXED PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE; AND

-- THE STATEMENT AND "NON-PAPER" GIVEN THE THREE ALLIED DCM'S IN MOSCOW ON MARCH 10 (REF F), IN RESPONSE TO THE ALLIED PROTEST OF JANUARY 11 CONCERNING RECENT GDR ACTIONS AFFECTING EAST BERLIN.

2. NOVEMBER 16 PROTEST. AS REPORTED IN REF (A), FINAL AGREEMENT HAS BEEN REACHED ON THE TEXT OF THE ALLIED REPLY TO THE DEMARCHE OF NOVEMBER 16. AS THAT DEMARCHE WAS DELIVERED AT AMBASSADORIAL LEVEL, THE BONN GROUP RECOMMENDS THAT THE REPLY ALSO BE DELIVERED BY THE THREE AMBASSADORS IN MOSCOW. WHILE IT IS READY FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY AND THE THREE EMBASSIES IN MOSCOW MAY BEGIN PREPARING THE NOTES, THE BONN GROUP RECOGNIZED THAT DELIVERY WOULD NOT BE FEASIBLE UNTIL AFTER THE SECRETARY'S VISIT.

3. NOVEMBER 15 PROTEST. THE BONN GROUP HAD PREVIOUSLY AGREED THAT THE REPLY TO THE NOVEMBER 15 PROTEST SHOULD CONFIDENTIAL

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BE DELIVERED IN BERLIN VERY SOON AFTER DELIVERY IN MOSCOW OF THE REPLY TO THE NOVEMBER 16 PROTEST. THE US, FRANCE, AND THE FRG HAVE GIVEN FINAL APPROVAL TO THE AD REF BONN GROUP DRAFT OF LAST DECEMBER 17 (REF H, PARA 5), BUT THE UK REP REALIZED THAT LONDON HAS NOT YET GIVEN INSTRUCTIONS ON THAT REPLY. THE UK REP WILL THUS ENDEAVOR TO GET LONDON'S APPROVAL AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

4. SOVIET STATEMENT OF MARCH 10. ALTHOUGH THIS STATEMENT WAS DELIVERED TO DCM'S IN MOSCOW, THE BONN GROUP RECOMMENDS THAT THE REPLY BE GIVEN AT A HIGHER LEVEL, TO EMPHASIZE THE IMPORTANCE WHICH WE ATTACH TO OUR PROTEST CONCERNING GDR ACTIONS. IT WOULD THUS SEEM LOGICAL FOR THE THREE AMBASSADORS IN MOSCOW TO DELIVER THAT REPLY AT THE SAME TIME AS THEY RESPOND TO THE NOVEMBER 16 PROTEST. AS PREVIOUSLY DISCUSSED, THE BONN GROUP BELIEVES IT UNNECESSARY TO REITERATE ALLIED POSITIONS IN DETAIL.

5. AD REF AGREEMENT WAS ACCORDINGLY REACHED ON THE

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FOLLOWING TEXT:

I HAVE BEEN INSTRUCTED TO INFORM YOU THAT THE
UNITED STATES (BRITISH, FRENCH) GOVERNMENT
DOES NOT ACCEPT THE ASSERTIONS MADE IN YOUR ORAL
STATEMENT OF MARCH 10. MY AUTHORITIES CONFIRM
THE TERMS OF THEIR STATEMENT OF JANUARY 11, 1977."

6. THE TIMING AND CONTENT OF THE ABOVE REPLY WOULD BE
SUBJECT TO REVIEW IN THE LIGHT OF ANY DISCUSSIONS ON
BERLIN THE SECRETARY MAY HAVE HAD IN MOSCOW. BONN GROUP
REPS ARE MEANWHILE FORWARDING THE TEXTS TO CAPITALS FOR
PRELIMINARY APPROVAL.

7. ACTION REQUESTED:

A. APPROVAL OF THE RECOMMENDATION THAT THE REPLY

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TO THE NOVEMBER 16 PROTEST BE DELIVERED BY THE ALLIED
AMBASSADORS IN MOSCOW (USING THE APPROVED TEXT
REPORTED IN REF A);

B. APPROVAL OF THE TEXT IN PARA 5 ABOVE FOR
RESPONDING TO THE SOVIET STATEMENT OF MARCH 10; AND

C. AGREEMENT THAT THAT REPLY SHOULD ALSO BE
DELIVERED BY THE THREE AMBASSADORS IN MOSCOW AT THE SAME
TIME AS THEY DELIVER THE REPLY TO THE NOVEMBER 16
EC PROTEST.
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